## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

2:19-cv-2477	2:21-cv-1800	2:21-cv-5031
2:20-cv-2523	2:21-cv-2088	2:21-cv-5092
2:20-cv-4812	2:21-cv-2187	2:21-cv-5295
2:20-cv-5276	2:21-cv-3851	2:21-cv-5353
2:20-cv-5867	2:21-cv-3898	2:21-cv-5470
2:20-cv-5935	2:21-cv-3980	2:21-cv-5640
2:20-cv-6004	2:21-cv-4003	2:22-cv-0406
2:20-cv-6459	2:21-cv-4077	2:22-cv-0912
2:21-cv-0044	2:21-cv-4134	
2:21-cv-0533	2:21-cv-4291	
2:21-cv-0626	2:21-cv-4558	
2:21-cv-1134	2:21-cv-4833	
2:21-cv-1410	2:21-cv-4859	

## **NOTICE**

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the parties and mediators are ENCOURAGED to attempt mediation via telephone or videoconference.

Each of the above-listed cases has previously been identified as ready for a mediation conference in May 2022. Recently, the Court has been forced to vacate or continue more than half of the cases initially set for settlement conferences. In order to avoid the administrative costs associated with vacating a case after it has been set, the Court is making this inquiry to determine if any of the above cases **should not be set** for a Settlement Conference.

As soon as practicable following of the receipt of this Notice, counsel shall confer concerning the readiness of their case for a settlement conference. If all counsel concur that the case is **not** ready to set, counsel shall send an email to <u>ADR@ohsd.uscourts.gov</u> by **4:00pm on March 31, 2022** to advise the Court that the case should **not** be set. Counsel should include in such advice whether the case should be continued to another month and, if so, which month.

Nothing in this Notice is intended to preclude a timely motion to vacate or continue a settlement conference, should the grounds for such motion become apparent only after the case is set for a settlement conference on a specific date and time.

Richard W. Nagel, Clerk of Court United States District Court Southern District of Ohio